

## Get it right

In "Dog Sleds and Cold Beds" [September 2004, Notebook], the writer says, "When the editor was looking for a volunteer to shoot a feature story in Alaska, my hand shot up quicker than an ejection seat busting an F-16 canopy."

This is a false statement. Ejection seats on an F-16 can't go through the canopy. The ejection seat will not fire (or leave the aircraft) until the canopy has departed the aircraft. Additionally, if the seat was to somehow fire without the canopy being off the aircraft, it could not go through it. It would simply stop when it made contact. Other aircraft are a different story, such as the A-10 Thunderbolt. The canopy doesn't have to be off the aircraft for the ejection seat to fire. If it's not off of the aircraft, the ejection seat is designed with "canopy breakers" to punch through it.

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## More ghosts

A few more ghost stories exist to add to your list in "Just Silly Ghost Stories" [October 2004]. Building 670 (Supply Warehouse 19A) on Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., is also haunted. At least that's what many night shift workers have said. Rumor has it that an Army Air Corps private died on the site where this building was constructed. "He" has only been heard after midnight, and he obeys commands. He has been heard walking up the stairs of our mezzanine and rolling an office chair around. Others have heard him tapping on the metal storage bins.

If a junior enlisted Airman tells him to stop making noise, he quiets down, but continues for a while. If an NCO talks to him, he stops immediately. He is a bit of a chauvinist, though. A female senior airman told him to "knock it off" once, but he continued later.

*Tech. Sgt. Anthony Holmes  
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## 'Special' thanks

Thanks for a great special issue, "Today's Airmen" [December 2004]. It's a wonderful guide to use when someone asks what they can do in the Air Force! A special thank you for the "Airmen at War" planner. It'll hang where I can see when I'm at my computer — a daily reminder of what our Airmen are doing fighting the global war on terrorism. Keep up the good work!

*retired Col. Karen Miller  
Sun City, Ariz.*

## Wonderful reflections

I thoroughly enjoyed the extremely well-written article "Reflections of the Past" [October 2004]. It was factual and yet drew out emotions, flowed well and definitely caused me to read the entire article.

My quiet, gentle, hardworking father volunteered for the Army the day after Pearl Harbor. Something I always respected him for. When I read your article I thought of



## Kudos

Just a note to say I was very impressed by the photography in the November issue, especially those by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Gruenwald ["Combat Boots and Cowboy Hats"]. His picture of boots was very well done.

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my father and the things he saw as a young man defending his country. After he died, we came across many small, black-and-white photos of France, as if he was a tourist snapping shots of interesting things. How he would have enjoyed the tour you wrote about, and appreciated the fact that many of the French people have not forgotten. To think of my dear father being treated like a hero would have made his life more complete. Thank you for keeping the memory alive of those brave men who, as in the case of my father, spent four years preserving the freedoms he received and passed on to my generation.

Now it's our turn.

*Lt. Col. David Thoreson  
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### Price is wrong

In "Cold and Dark, Hot and Bright" [October 2004, @eielson.af.mil], the price of milk is quoted incorrectly. A gallon of milk at the commissary or locally is around \$4 and a gallon of gas is \$2.15 at the base gas station.

*Master Sgt. Curtis Rogers  
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### Corrections

Master Sgt. Darron Williams' hometown is Tarpon Springs, Fla., "Where Air Meets Field" [November 2004].

Iran should be located directly west of Afghanistan on the map in "K-2 Connection" [November 2004].

Sue Sapp took the photo of Senior Airman Adam Runquist in "He Helps Keep Them Flying" [December 2004].

### War@home stories coming

The world is focused on the global war on terrorism and the efforts of U.S. military members overseas to win the fight. But many people tend to forget that countless others aren't fighting the war from the front lines. In the series war@home, which begins in the March issue, we will report on the war's far-reaching effects on the home front. Our aim is to explore the sacrifices Airmen, civilians and their families are making to help win the war.

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"Yeah, I lit a match in there, but the fire wasn't my fault. Blame it on the dummy who used that shed to store flammables."